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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

STANDING GROUP MEETING
March 9, 1962

RECORD OF ACTIONS

Item 1 -- Dispersal of Nuclear Weapons

- a. Discussed the further dispersal of nuclear weapons to non-U.S. forces in NATO.
- b. Agreed that one paper, including the joint State-Defense recommendation and the AEC reservation, be available for the President within a week.
- c. Agreed that the President should not be asked to decide this issue until after his forthcoming conversations with General Norstad in Washington.

Item 2 -- U.S.-Belgian Section 144-b Agreement

- a. Discussed the status of a recommendation to the President that he authorize signature of a 144-b Agreement with Belgium.
- b. Noted that the Chairman of the AEC would clarify the position of the Commission, which he understood to be in support of signing the Agreement, but reserving on certain actions to be taken in implementing it.

Item 3 -- U.S. Military Sales to France

- a. Discussed the status of current negotiations with the French with respect to French purchases of U.S. military equipment.
- b. Noted the difficulties of increasing French purchases of U.S. arms in order to improve the U.S. balance of payments situation, while at the same time, carrying out the existing policy of not contributing to the development of a French nuclear capability.

DOE review completed.

NSC review(s) completed.

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- c. Discussed the problem of relations with France in the light of General De Gaulle's policy of developing a French national nuclear capability.

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